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[11.](#) (C) SUMMARY. Foreign Secretary Shiv Shankar Menon and his delegation departed for Vienna on July 17 to brief the 35 Board members of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to Address IAEA Member Concerns, Fumbles on Scheduling - - -

[12.](#) (SBU) Foreign Secretary Shiv Shankar Menon departed for Vienna on July 17 for his briefing on July 18 to IAEA Board members and NSG members

[13.](#) (C) Pursuant to recommendations from the U.S. Mission to the IAEA, PolCouns raised two issues of concern to IAEA Board members on July 16 with the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) Maintains Precarious Lead In Vote Count - - -

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[14.](#) (SBU) The special session of parliament to consider the confidence vote will begin on July 21 and conclude with a vote on July 22. Minister

[15.](#) (SBU) Our best guess at this time shows the government maintaining its slim majority with the anticipated vote count at about 273 in favor, with the Congress Party's National Democratic Alliance (NDA) Losing to the Opposition - - -

[16.](#) (SBU) Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader L.K. Advani each plan to host a dinner for supporters

[17.](#) (SBU) Prime Minister Singh's dinner on July 20 will include the Congress Party's new allies in the Samajwadi Party as well as other recent allies. Congress Party's New Allies - - -

[18.](#) (SBU) Behind the scenes, the Congress Party machine is working overtime. Sonia Gandhi reportedly plans to meet Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM)

[19.](#) (C) On July 16, PolCouns met with Captain Satish Sharma, a Congress Party MP in the Rajya Sabha, a former Indian Airlines Pilot, and a close aide of the Prime Minister. Sharma's Role - - -

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Abdullah's Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (J&KNC), whose two MPs are inclined to vote in favor of the UPA. Sharma mentioned that he was

[20.](#) (S) Sharma's political aide Nachiketa Kapur mentioned to an Embassy staff member in an aside on July 16 that Ajit Singh's RLD had been paid

[21.](#) (S) Another Congress Party insider told PolCouns that Minister of Commerce and Industry Kamal Nath is also helping to spread largesse. "For What It's Worth: No Vote or a UPA Defeat - - -

[22.](#) (SBU) PM Singh appears to have opened the door to the Left to call off the vote, telling media on July 16 that the government had the numbers

[23.](#) (SBU) There are some signs that the GOI may decide to go ahead with the nuclear initiative even if it loses the confidence vote on July 22. Disagreements Among Comrades: Left Shows Signs of Strain - - -

[24.](#) (SBU) The Left continued its rant against the government. The Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M) Polit Bureau grouched that the Prime

[25.](#) (SBU) The Left has also begun to show signs of internal strain. CPI-M Polit Bureau member Sitaram Yechury told media on July 15 that the party is not united. NEW DELHI 00001972 004 OF 004

several years.) Also on July 15, Samajwadi Party leader Amar Singh and two other SP leaders called for Chatterjee not to quit his post. Congress Party's New Allies - - -

[26.](#) (SBU) Consulate Kolkata reported on the growing split within the CPI-M (reftel). Many CPI-M members, particularly Muslims, cannot fathom why the party is not united. Communists Find Muslims To Be More Anti-BJP Than Anti-American - - -

[27.](#) (SBU) A Times of India report on July 17 claimed that Muslim MPs do not view the nuclear initiative confidence vote as a communal issue, but as a political issue. WHITE